



THE ORG REPORT: FEBRUARY 2016

A monthly summary of organizational group activities.

JANUARY MEETING SUMMARIES

[BALANCING AUTHORITY OPERATING COMMITTEE \(BAOC\)](#)

The BAOC did not meet in February. Its members are reviewing the Balancing Authority Operating Protocols and will discuss revisions at their next meeting in April.

[BUSINESS PRACTICES WORKING GROUP \(BPWG\): FEB. 18](#)

The BPWG met via teleconference to review Revision Request (RR) 147 (50 percent Project Completion Milestone Determination) and RR156 (DPP Clarification). The group also reviewed and approved minor changes for Business Practice cleanup to RRs 148 through 150. RRs 147 and 156 are scheduled for presentation at the April 2016 Markets and Operations Policy Committee meeting. The BPWG will meet again via teleconference March 17.

[COST ALLOCATION WORKING GROUP \(CAWG\): FEB. 9](#)

The CAWG heard a verbal summary of the Jan. 25 Regional State Committee (RSC) meeting, reviewed the Project Tracking Report and walked through the current draft of the New Member Cost Allocation Review Process document. The group also reviewed a draft of the Aggregate Study Waiver Scope presentation that will be presented to the RSC on April 25, heard an update on the Capacity Margin Task Force's activities including next steps in the approval cycle and received results from the 2015 Organizational Group Effectiveness Survey. The next CAWG meeting will be March 1 in Dallas, TX.

[ECONOMIC STUDIES WORKING GROUP \(ESWG\): FEB. 24-25](#)

The ESWG continued discussions on the 2017 ITP10 study methodology including specifics regarding implementation of the Environmental Protection Agency Clean Power Plan.

GAS ELECTRIC COORDINATION TASK FORCE (GECTF): FEB. 9

The GECTF discussed changes to the Day-Ahead Market and Reliability Unit Commitment timelines that will be implemented in October 2016 and annual reporting requirements, both of which resulted from FERC's approval of SPP's compliance filing in Docket Nos. ER15-2377 and EL14-27. Timeline changes are on track to meet implementation deadlines. The group also discussed the multiday, hourly generation-forecast report provided by SPP staff, an enhanced version of which will be discussed at a future meeting.

GENERATION WORKING GROUP (GWG): FEB. 2

At their meeting in Denver the GWG discussed upcoming, enforceable NERC standards as presented by the SPP Regional Entity. There was also conversation regarding coordination with the Capacity Margin Task Force regarding topics on which they share interest, such as generation accreditation. The group also discussed the GWG's 2016 goals and recent operational events.

MARKET WORKING GROUP (MWG): FEB. 23-24

The MWG received an update from the Price Formation Task Force and reviewed a proposal for a trading hub analysis timeline. They discussed members' comments regarding RR139 (Revision of Physical Withholding) and discussed and rejected RR139 (Real-Time Loss of Opportunity MWP). Finally, the group reviewed requirements for RM16-5 (Offer Cap NOPR).

OPERATING RELIABILITY WORKING GROUP (ORWG): FEB. 4 & 18

During their two February teleconferences the ORWG approved RR145 (OOME Clarification), RR140 (30-Minute Standardization of Ratings) and a consent agenda containing January meeting minutes, RR137, RR146 and the SPP MOPC RR process document. The group also approved with additional amendments the Transmission Working Group's changes to RR141 (SOL Methodology Revisions). The ORWG reviewed liaison reports for the Capacity Deficiency Load Shed Test and the SPP Wind Integration Study and discussed the SPP Communications Protocol. They held an email vote on the SPP Communications Protocol as part of their Feb. 18 teleconference.

OPERATIONS TRAINING WORKING GROUP (OTWG): FEB. 8

The OTWG received updates on preparations for this year's System Operations Conferences, the dispatcher training simulator and marketplace training and details on the first Capacity Deficiency Load Shed test, lessons from which will be incorporated into future tests. Members received reminders about:

- Upcoming changes to the Day-Ahead Market timeline

- Tracking inactive accounts in the LMS
- The Feb. 21 deadline to participate in the annual training survey

There was a briefing on a proposed PER 005-3 standard; though, this effort is no longer being pursued by the Standards Drafting Team. The OTWG will continue to seek nominations for a voting member from either the TO or TU sector for its remaining open seat.

[REGIONAL COMPLIANCE WORK GROUP \(RCWG\): FEB. 16](#)

As secondary approvers in the revision request (RR) process, the RCWG approved RR137.

[SEAMS STEERING COMMITTEE \(SSC\): FEB. 3](#)

At their meeting in Dallas the SSC received an update on quarterly seams operational metrics including updates on market-to-market results with MISO, dispatch flows and unaccounted-for flows.

In light of recent changes in group membership (the SSC recently updated their charter to facilitate the addition of seven new members), staff provided an educational session on SPP's seams, who they are with, the agreements in place for each seam and their ongoing coordination.

The group discussed two upcoming joint stakeholder meetings with MISO: the March 8 SPP-MISO JOA Joint Stakeholder Meeting at SPP's offices in Little Rock, Ark., and the SPP-MISO Interregional Planning Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting scheduled for the following day.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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